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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 17, 2004 (Paper No. 4), Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims Group I (claims 1-7) for continued examination. The election is made with traverse.

M.P.E.P. § 803 provides as follows (emphasis added): "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." Applicant respectfully submits that examination of claim 8 and/or claim 9, together with the elected claims, can be made in this case without serious burden.

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Favorable action on the application is solicited.

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